

**WARWICK** – Mayor Scott Avedisian today announced that Global Trade Magazine has named the City of Warwick as one of America's Best Cities for Global Trade, garnering recognition in the category for Best Skilled Workforce.

*Global Trade* magazine has released its 2014 selections for "America's Best Cities for Global Trade." Every year, the editors at *Global Trade* magazine compile the list to help globally-minded companies strategically locate, grow and expand their operations.

Avedisian said, "I am very proud that Global Trade Magazine has recognized Warwick for its highly trained workforce. Ensuring that we have a skilled workforce is a critical part of our collective efforts to build a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. This recognition is yet another example of the progress we are making in realizing our goals to fuel our economy, create jobs and grow a skilled workforce."

"Warwick has truly focused and invested in creating the labor force they have today. They are now able to provide some of the strongest and most aggressive skilled-workforce available," said *Global Trade* editor Patrick Dooley.

"We chose our cities not based on any single metric such as GDP or export totals, but rather based on a city-by-city analysis of what each is doing to excel in our categories of interest. We find this to be a more personalized approach that highlights tangible economic development," said *Global Trade* senior editor Steve Lowery.

"With a new twist on this year's list, our editorial team identified 10 needs-based and relevant categories that globally minded companies refer to when choosing a new location. These 'needs' became the 10 categories we used to measure and select this year's recipients," shared *Global Trade* editor Patrick Dooley.

Each of the 10 categories in turn had 10 recipients for a total list size of 100 cities. "That may sound like a lot of cities, but when you consider that there are some 30,000 cities in the U.S., being named as a top 100 for global trade is pretty rarefied air," added Dooley. Some cities *Global Trade*

selected may seem like obvious choices—such as Topeka, KS for Best Trade Missions and Export Assistance—while others are a surprise, such as the relatively small town of Hesperia, CA for Best Business Environment.

Other cities recognized along with Warwick under the category of Best Skilled Workforce are: Albuquerque, New Mexico; DuPage, Illinois; Wichita, Kansas; Erie, Colorado; Mobile, Alabama; Orlando, Florida; San Francisco, California.; Lubbock, Texas; and Port Arthur, Texas.

## **ABOUT GLOBAL TRADE MAGAZINE**

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